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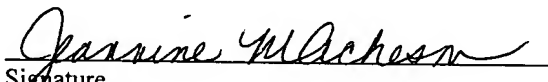
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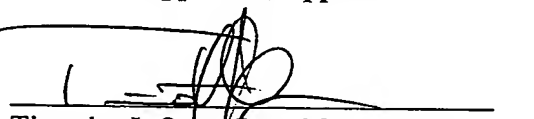
PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A three (3) month extension of time, to and including November 30, 2003, is requested for response to the Patent Office Communication of May 30, 2003. This extension is being filed to create co-pendency with a continuation application being filed today.

The extension fee of \$475.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) is enclosed herewith. If the amount is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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